

Virginia Department of Social Services
Medicaid Fact Sheet #31
MEDICALLY INDIGENT CHILD UNDER AGE 19

The following information is given as a guideline only. To determine Medicaid eligibility, an application must be filed with the local department of social services for the area in which you live.

The Medically Indigent (MI) Child covered group is for children under age 19. The child does not have to be living with a parent or relative. However, if there is an absent parent, paternity and/or medical support can be pursued through the Division of Child Support Enforcement. See Fact Sheet #20. If the parent or relative does not pursue paternity or support for the child, the parent or relative is ineligible for Medicaid but the child can still be eligible.

The local department of social services must have certain information to determine the child's eligibility for Medicaid. If the required information is taken to the agency or mailed with the application form, the processing time could be shortened. To be eligible for Medicaid as a MI Child, the child must:

- be under age 19. The child's date of birth must be provided on the application. Birth verification is not required.
- be a resident of Virginia. A statement of Virginia residence will be accepted unless there is reason to question the residence.
- be a citizen or lawful alien. If citizenship is questionable, it must be proved. Alien status must be verified. If a parent does not sign the "Declaration of Citizenship or Alien Status" for the child, the parent is not eligible for Medicaid but the child will be eligible.
- have a Social Security number or show proof of application for a Social Security Number.
- assign all rights to medical support. If a parent does not sign the "Assignment of Rights" for the child, the parent is not eligible for Medicaid but the child will be eligible.
- have income below specified levels. The child's income or the income of anyone living with the child who is legally responsible for the child must be verified. Verification of earned income before deductions may be from pay stubs or a written statement from the employer. Other income must be verified by an appropriate source.

The Medicaid family unit is composed of the child for whom the application for Medicaid is made, the child's parents if they are living in the home with the child, plus any brothers or sisters of the child who are under 21 if they live in the home with the child. The income of the family unit members is used to determine the family's eligibility; however, the income of a stepparent or brothers or sisters may not be counted in determining the child's eligibility.

Income limits are given as guidelines only. The family unit's income could be higher than the income limits and the child could still be eligible for Medicaid because of deductions for work expenses and child care or because the income of a stepparent or brother or sister is not considered.

INCOME LIMITS MEDICALLY INDIGENT CHILD UNDER AGE 19 Effective 2/18/05		
Medicaid Family Unit	Yearly Income	Monthly Income
1	\$12,729	\$1,061
2	\$17,064	\$1,422
3	\$21,400	\$1,784
4	\$25,736	\$2,145
5	\$30,072	\$2,506
6	\$34,408	\$2,868
7	\$38,743	\$3,229
8	\$43,079	\$3,590
Each Add'l. Person Add	\$ 4,336	\$ 362

Resources, such as bank accounts, cars, etc. are not looked at when determining the child's eligibility for Medicaid as an MI Child.

It is not necessary to be interviewed at the local department of social services. Mail-in applications are accepted. If you have questions or need assistance in completing your Medicaid application, contact an eligibility worker at your local department of social service.

MEDICAID FACT SHEET #31 MI Child Under Age 19

FORM NUMBER - 032-03-833/13

PURPOSE OF FORM - The local agency workers may distribute this form to provide customers with basic policy information regarding coverage for a child under age 19.

NUMBER OF COPIES - One.

DISPOSITION OF FORM - One per inquirer.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM - The form does not require the addition of any information by the eligibility worker.